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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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1. SOUTH AFRICAN ARMS EMBARGO COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BISHARA
(KUWAIT) TOLD AMB LEONARD MAR 2 THAT IN CONSULTATIONS WITH
THREE AFRICAN MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE HE HAD TAKEN FIRM LINE
THAT MEETINGS SHOULD BE CLOSED AND COMMITTEE SHOULD
OPERATE BY CONSENSUS. HE SAID HE WANTED VOTING UNDER NO
CIRCUMSTANCES. WHEN MAURITIUS SUGGESTED OPEN MEETINGS

MIGHT SOMETIMES BE DESIRABLE, BISHARA SAID HE RESPONDED THAT, SHOULD SUCH OCCASION ARISE, COMMITTEE COULD DEAL WITH IT AT THAT TIME. FRENCH DEL SUBSEQUENTLY INFORMED US BISHARA HAD TAKEN SAME LINE IN CONSULTATIONS WITH THEM.

2. BISHARA ALSO TOLD LEONARD THAT HE HAD POINTED OUT TO AF MEMBERS DIFFICULTY THAT COMMITTEE WOULD FACE IN ACQUIRING ADEQUATE INFORMATION TO DO ITS JOB AND SUGGESTED THAT THEY SHOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH THOSE FEW WITH MEANS TO OBTAIN THE NECESSARY INFO. BISHARA WONDERED IF HE SHOULD WRITE US LETTER REQUESTING ASSISTANCE. LEONARD ASSURED BISHARA THAT WE WISHED TO BE COOPERATIVE AND TOLD HIM HIS REQUEST NEED NOT BE INCORPORATED IN LETTER.

3. BISHARA SUGGESTED THAT ISRAEL WAS WORST OFFENDER ON EMBARGO. HE SAID HE WOULD NOT BE IN CONTACT WITH ISRAELIS BUT IF THERE WERE EVIDENCE OF VIOLATIONS HE WOULD CERTAINLY SEE THAT IT WAS PRESENTED TO THE COMMITTEE. LEONARD TOLD HIM WE HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE ISRAELIS AND HAD INFORMED THEM OF THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH WE VIEW THE EMBARGO AND THE COMMITTEE'S WORK. YOUNG

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